



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3663  
Docket No.: 1460.1007

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takeshi HOSHIDA et al.

Serial No. 09/635,431

Group Art Unit: 3663

Confirmation No. 6994

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Examiner: Stephen C. Cunningham

For: OPTICAL AMPLIFYING APPARATUS FOR AMPLIFYING WIDE-WAVELENGTH-BAND  
LIGHT, OPTICAL SENDING APPARATUS, OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, AND  
OPTICAL AMPLIFYING METHOD

AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2003, and having a period  
for response set to expire on March 30, 2004.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is  
respectfully requested.